



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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May 12, 2010 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner
James Barger, Commissioner

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, County Counsel
Brandi Moore, County Counsel
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Carmen Sainz, Regional Planning

Absent Commissioners

Renée Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood, Secretary

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Garen Khachian

Guests

Michelle Diaz, Kennedy Court Reporter
Frank Kelley
Sophia Kupis
Fred Pierson
Jenna Stein
Marjorie Pierson Stein
Lian Qing Zhang
Xiaohua Wei

MEMBERS
STEVEN AFRIAT
PRESIDENT
RENÉE CAMPBELL
VICE-PRESIDENT
DIANA WOOD
SECRETARY
JAMES BARGER
COMMISSIONER
SARA VASQUEZ
COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of May 5, 2010 – Approved.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Abstention: Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny Dance, Entertainment/W Dance & Public Eating Business License ID #137378

Reverend Fred Pierson
Malibu Phoenix Retreat
26860 Mellus Drive
Malibu, CA 90265 (Third District)

President Afriat stated for the record the matter pending before the Commission is a recommendation for denial by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. The Commission will act on whether to affirm or overturn the recommendation.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collectors' Office, reported that the application is a recommendation for denial by the Department of Regional Planning. Carmen Sainz, Department of Regional Planning, Land Use Regulation Division reported the recommendation for denial was issued for the dance, entertainment w/dance and public eating license because the applicant has not submitted any entitlements for the site. A conditional use permit is also required for the catering portion of the business.

Reverend Pierson provided history on the business and its location. He also provided a map of the property and a list of seven events booked at the location beginning June 12, 2010.

Ms. Sainz informed the Commission, if a business license is issued for the above business the department would like the business to meet certain conditions established by the Regional Planning Department.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission overturned the recommendation of denial by the Regional Planning Department

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission set a hearing date of May 26, 2010 for Dance, Entertainment/W Dance & Public Eating Business License ID# 137378

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Application for Massage Parlor-General / SC Business License ID #136755

Lian Qing Zhang/ Xiaohua Wei
Feet Reflexology Spa
22808 Soledad Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91350 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Lian Qing Zhang through an interpreter stated the business provides Chinese style foot massage. The establishment provides massage to its patron's foot, neck and shoulder with the focus of reflexology to the foot. Ms. Qing Zhang and Wei co-owners are currently licensed to perform massage services. There are three technicians license pending for the business. Ms. Qing indicated she is familiar with all the requirements for operating a massage parlor.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Application for Annual Dance/Entertainment-Gen. W/Dance Business License ID #136073

Frank Kelley/Jonathan M. Lovitz
Jon Lovitz Comedy Club
1000 Universal Studios 222
Universal City, CA 91608 (Third District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and there are no objections to the issuance of the license.

Mr. Kelley stated he has worked for different comedy clubs for the last ten years. Most of the clients of the establishment are from the Valley area. Mr. Kelley was informed by the Commission that in his absence the manger at the premises should be a licensed manager by the County.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Application for Health Spa/Club/SC Business License ID #135707

KUP Enterprises LLC
Felix Kupis/Leonid Kupis
Le Beau Organic Day Spa
24313 Magic Mountain Parkway
Valencia, CA 91355 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Ms. Sophia Kupis, presented a notarized letter of authorization to the Commission to represent Felix Kupis. Ms. Kupis informed the Commission that the establishment is a Day Spa that provides facial treatment and body scrubs. The business is open five days a week Tuesday through Thursday. Ms. Kupis indicated she is familiar with all the requirements for operating a Health Spa.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: Commissioner Barger, seconded Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of May 19, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 10:35 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President